

April 9, 2013

Dear members of Senate Taxation Committee,

It was my intention to be there in person to talk to you, but I am out of town. HB472 is of great importance to my family. My husband and I own a small sign manufacturing business in downtown Helena with another couple.

We have just started our fourth year of business. Our employees are currently only the four of us as owners and we have equipment valued at just over \$200,000, so this change impacts us directly. We would be appreciative of your support of Rep. Bennett's bill to make the business equipment tax a threshold of \$250,000.

To us, it would not only mean a savings of over \$4,000 a year, but more importantly, it would allow us to continue to upgrade and invest in our business to remain competitive. It is our goal to grow and hire an employee or two soon. That will mean purchases of equipment too.

We value being part of the Helena and Montana business climates. It is true when they say that being a small business owner is rewarding, but it is also incredibly challenging. Your support of this bill will help us continue with our goals.

Thank you for your consideration and support of HB 472!

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